

Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for January 9, 2020

Wind and Flood Threat Saturday Strong winds and Flash Flooding possible

(NWS Louisville) Rain, heavy at times, with a few thunderstorms over southern Indiana and



Central/western KY. Some potential for flash flooding. Rain showers will arrive late tonight in Southern Indiana, and there may be some breaks between the bands, then Saturday strong winds (40 MPH+) and heavy rains particularly Saturday evening. The strong storm potential chances are projected at this point for Saturday morning in Western KY; and Saturday afternoon in Central/southcentral KY. There is a possibility of some spin-up tornadoes on Saturday, especially in the afternoon towards the south and west. The Bluegrass

ADD is likely in the 4-7/8 PM range.



Never drive cars...trucks or sport utility vehicles through flooded areas. The water may be too deep to allow safe passage. Never allow children to play in or near flood waters. Stay tuned to NOAA Weather Radio or your local media for further statements and possible updated forecasts.

Take away quote from NWS: "If you are going to be traveling, south is not a good direction."

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WHO Statement Regarding Cluster of Pneumonia Cases in Wuhan, China

(*WHO – Western Pacific Regional Office*) Chinese authorities have made a preliminary determination of a novel (or new) coronavirus, identified in a hospitalized person with pneumonia in Wuhan. Chinese investigators conducted gene sequencing of the virus, using an isolate from one positive patient sample.

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses with some causing less-severe disease, such as the common cold, and others more severe disease such as MERS and SARS. Some transmit easily from person to person, while others do not. According to Chinese authorities, the virus in question can cause severe illness in some patients and does not transmit readily between people.

Full WHO report: <u>https://www.who.int/china/news/detail/09-01-2020-who-statement-regarding-cluster-of-pneumonia-cases-in-wuhan-china</u>

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